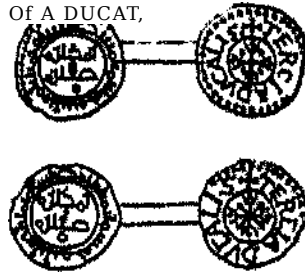


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Such are the historians of the reign. On the whole we have no worthy historian of one of the most eventful epochs and one of the greatest personalities of the Middle Ages, Roger's reign fills the gap between two of the most creditable literary productions of the time; one could wish that either Amatus, who tells the romantic story of the Norman conquest like a poet, or Palcandus who describes the passing of the kingdom like a statesman, could have taken as his theme the Norman power in all its glory*